

**Citizens Police Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 1, 2014
Asheville Police Department**

Present: Chair Jay Gurney, Debbie Applewhite, Allen Brailsford, Fred Cooke, Brad Galbraith, Carol Rogoff Hallstrom, Larry Holt, Chief Anderson, Wade Wood, Capt Reece-Young, Sgt. Lamb

Meeting: Called to order by Chair Gurney at 3:34 p.m.

Update on Regional Boundaries of Committee Members

- NAC does it by zip codes; how should CPAC define?
- Janet to get with Ed Eads to print large map with zip code areas identified for review at November meeting

Getting Out Into the Neighborhoods – Future CPAC Meetings/Potential for Collaboration with Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

- NAC reached out to Chair Gurney
- CROs attend all the neighborhood meetings; that is how community is communicating
- Value in exploring working together with NAC, but important to set boundaries that allow CPAC to keep its focus; no need to force two together, however no need to duplicate agendas

Future Committee Planning Session – Recommendations for Revised CPAC Charge/Guiding Language

- At future planning session: CPAC to discuss new guiding language; whether the work of CPAC (what doing vs what can be done) is practical)
- Want commitment from Councilman Pelly that CPAC will continue prior to this discussion

Ad Hoc Positions on Committee

- After discussion, Larry McCallum and Carol Rogoff Hallstrom to seek Latino representation

Community Outreach: Round Table / Shared Experiences

- Brad Galbraith (South): Territory still in flux; meeting with Shiloh Board in two weeks, but is initial outreach; has contact in Livingston if it becomes part of South district; not a lot of complaints south of Shiloh, but trying to find things that need to be heard
- Fred Cooke (Ad Hoc): He is on the Board of a new ministry called Daybreak, which is out of Central United Methodist Church Sundays from 5:30p-8:30p starting Oct 5; it is meant to help with recovery from drug / alcohol / life problems through faith; it is not meant to replace AA or other grief counseling groups; will have professional certified counselors, and break out groups; ministry is meant to complement secular recovery groups
- Allen Brailsford (West): Still having issues with VRBOs and Air B&Bs; Planning Dept having outside consultant doing study; results coming back this month; speed humps being installed on Riverview Dr betw 13th and end of month – very exciting!
- Larry Holt (CBD): Leaf peakers coming in; DTU still very active and doing well; traffic can be a bear because of traffic lights; Sgt Stepp will be asked to follow up on volunteers in downtown

(many DARN members have never been contacted to help); disappointed in participation by property owners in graffiti removal, but City doing good job with their property

- Debbie Applewhite (East): Met with Crime Prevention Officer Keith McCulloch regarding neighborhood watch, but she is concerned with how much everything overlaps (NAC, etc.); talking about organizing East organization to include both neighborhoods and businesses, like West Asheville; needs to be worked out!; annual Beverly Hills Community Picnic was very well attended by APD personnel; participated in review of candidates for Call In tomorrow night; missed NAC meeting because was out of town
- Jay Gurney (Housing): Replacing positions on Housing team that are vacant; did interviews with Missy Reed and Sgt Creson with seven candidates; all great folks; very pleased; they will start at the end of the week
- Larry McCallum (ABCRC): Community Relations Council still working closely with Chief Anderson; please let him know of any community needs
- Carol Rogoff Hallstrom (North): Four APD participants in Building Bridges program - Re-entry Council and Changing Together will be part of curriculum; Call In is tomorrow night – not enough community participation working on it; Chair Gurney to give suggestions for community participation; she and Chief Anderson working with IMA and Stop the Violence initiative; still forming, but hopeful but not yet confident of tangible follow up activity; United Way trying to increase connectivity with formal and informal activities for young black men – mentoring program looks promising
- Ms. Hallstrom specifically asked that the minutes reflect her concern over the video taping of Moral Monday as a first amendment protected public event and the value to the department of a discussion with CPAC and the community because of different points of view

APD Update

- Oct 9th is Quarterly Supervisors' meeting: Chief Anderson will be discussing pending retirements and adjustments made to accommodate; Strategic Plan team leaders will give brief updates
- Three new sergeants promoted; four canine teams and a bomb handler will graduate on Oct 2
- Working with the Community Relations Council to hold roll call training on interacting with the public
- APD down three sworn out of 224 positions; have a number of folks in training; anticipate zero vacancies by the end of the year
- Challenge is retention, which is addressed in Strategic Plan
- Crime numbers: reported crime down double digits in the period ending in Sept – very positive!
- Nuisance concerns continue to be a problem; working with businesses and residents (committee members would like to see statistics)
- Advertising for Forensic Services Supervisor – big shoes to fill
- Pending: Lieutenant promotion announcement

Public Comment

- Timothy Sadler spoke to the point that even though we are lucky in Asheville / Buncombe County to have a professional law enforcement, situations still exist around the country, and mistrust still exists amongst the general public; need comprehensive plan put in place to rebuild trust, to include zero tolerance policy for officers that are not following protocol

Discussion

- After discussion, the Committee determined that the Committee would now meet regularly at 3:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month.

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2014, 3:00 p.m.